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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
OIL, GAS & MINING**

Re: Docket 2012-019; Cause No. 259-02

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is aware that the referenced Docket matter is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Board) on May 23, 2012. Notice on this matter was given to the BLM timely. The proposal would affect public domain minerals. In matters such as this, by Federal regulation the BLM must concur with or accept the proposal before it is effective.

Koch Exploration Company did provide their technical information to our office associated with the request. Staff in the BLM Vernal Field Office has reviewed the information provided and consequently, I am in a position where I can inform the Board that the BLM supports Koch Exploration Company's ("Petitioners") request for Agency Action in the above referenced matter.

Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (435) 781-4440.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of May 2012.

Sincerely,

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